THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) Requests have been received from some of the North Eastern States form time to time for the writing off of outstanding loans and interest and for moratorium on repayment of Central Government's loans.

Finance Commission within its terms of reference reviews the debt position of the States while making its recommendations for transfer of resources to States. Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended the fiscal performance based debt relief scheme, as a part of its report. The recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission have been accepted by the Government of India. The repayment liability of the States has been captured in the Eleventh Finance Commission's recommendation on devolution from Central to State. There is no provision for selective reopening of debt relief beyond the recommendations made by the Eleventh Finance Commission.

Share of Industry in GDP

2960. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that between 1980 to 1998 share of industry in GDP increased from 24 per cent to 25 per cent only, but share of services during that period shot up from 38 to 46 per cent, thus implying requirement of more work force in services sector;

(b) if so, with VRS schemes being implemented, whether Government are thinking of giving fillip to "Services Sector" so that employment position in the- country is no adversely affected; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKtiE PATIL): (a) to (c) As per the information available with the Central Statistical Organisation the share of industry (comprising mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity, gas and water supply and construction) as a proportion of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at market prices increased from 24.4 per cent in 1980-81 to 26.1 per cent in 1998-99. In contrast, the share of services sector (comprising trade, hotels and restaurant, transport,

storage and communications, financing, insurance, real estate and business services, community, social and personal services) in GDP increased from 36.6 per cent in 1980-81 to 45.5 per cent in 1998-99. It may also be noted that as per the quinquennial surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation on Employment and Unemployment the share of services in total employment rose from 17.21 per cent in 1983 to 22.73 per cent in 1999-2000. The growth of employment among other things crucially depends on the growth of GDP. TJre Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002—07) released by the Planning Commission has envisaged an average annual GDP growth target of 8 per cent and has also emphasised providing gainful high-quality employment to the addition to the labour force over the Tenth Plan period.

Appointment of CMD in IDBI

2961. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the post of Chairman and CMD in IDBI is lying vacant since February, 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government for appointment of CMD in IDBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) On the retirement of the then CMD, IDBI on 31.01.2001 (AN), two Executive Directors were appointed for different durations as acting CMDs of IDBI pending appointment of regular CMD. Government has since appointed regular CMD, IDBI and he has assumed the charge on 4.09.2001.

Tax exemption to DA and other allowances

† 2962. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.